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TO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: DESTITUTE USC CREWMEN ON SS ROMAN EDYTHE

REF: GUAYQUIL 1479

1. DEPARTMENT OFFICER TALKED BY PHONE WITH SAMUEL OBERFEST RE CONTENTS REFTEL. HE STATED AS FOLLOWS: (A) HE HIRED BY AM. BANK AND TRUST AS INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT AND HE IS NOT THE OPERATOR. MERITRAT IS NOT INVOLVED. (B) CREW'S JULY WAGES PAID IN FULL TEN DAYS AGO AND HE MAKING ARRANGEMENT FOR AUGUST WAGES TO BE PAID NEXT FEW DAYS. (C) COMPETENT MARINE ENGINEER IN GUAYAQUIL TO SUPERVISE SHIP AND ENGINE REPAIR WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN TEN TO FOURTEEN DAYS SO SHIP CAN DEPART.

2. HE ALSO STATED THAT CREWMEN CAN SIGN OFF WITH PAYMENT OF AUGUST WAGES, BUT UNDER LIBERIAN LAW NEITHER HE NOR OWNER RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR REPATRIATION, THEREFORE, NO RETURN TICKETS FORTHCOMING.

3. OWNER'S OBJECTIVE IS RETURN SHIP TO OPERATION ASAP AND AMERICANS CAN, OF COURSE, REMAIN AS CREW MEMBERS. KISSINGER

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